

## THE INITIATES.

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## EN PASSANT.

With this number we begin the second volume of "The Initiates" as such, and from the way that the magazine has been received by all classes of readers, it would seem that it will be an immense success. This can only be accomplished by hard work and the help of our loyal friends, and we believe that each and every one will do his or her part to accomplish this much desired end.

We will continue the magazine along the same lines as in the past, for we believe that by giving the teachings of the different Orders we are doing that which is desired. In this connection we wish to say that all such teachings are given without any change. We are not responsible for the opinions of others. They believe that which they teach and such teachings must stand upon their own inherent merits without any indorsement whatever. We believe that this is only right, and believe that our readers will agree with us.

With this number begins the republication of the poetic work known as "*The Salamanderine*," a work by Charles Mackay, and published in 1852. We claim without any hesitation whatever that it is the best work ever published on the subejct. It is our object to reprint the old Rosicrucian books, whether in prose or poetry, and this is the beginning.

This great work is profusely illustrated, the pictures having been drawn at the time by the famous John Gilbert, and engravings were made on wood by the Dalsiel Brothers. They are the best of their class.

Another great aim is achieved by doing this, i.e., the production of the most expensive magazine of its class in

cardinal principles of the old Rosicrucians and there is a mighty truth in these ideas, one that is even but thinly veiled. That the poem is very beautiful there is no doubt, and as it is an extremely rare work we believe that our readers will appreciate it.

The Hermetic Talks will still be continued in the magazine for the entire year, and Abou Tartane will continue his Egyptian letters, which should prove of great value to all our readers. We have also made arrangements for articles from the Illuminati,—————????????, one of the oldest Secret Fraternities in Germany. This Order was founded soon after the Rosicrucian Order came into existence. There is a branch of this International Society in America and in the present and following numbers of the magazine the Constitution will be given. It is our desire bring all Mystic matters before our readers, so that they may know.

With these good things for our readers we believe that they will be well satisfied, and we shall certainly hope that the family may become greatly enlarged during the year.

### THE MYSTIC CHARM.

*By Mrs. Lulo F. Young.*

There are no doubts, no fears, no selfishness or sorrow,  
 Neither for the present day or the coming to-morrow;  
 For God reigns supreme within my heart,  
 And I bid all else, save love, joy and peace, depart.  
 There will nothing come to mar or harm,  
 For I wear the mystic, the perfect charm.  
 Oh! the immensity of this wondrous power  
 Which doth guide and protect me in every hour—  
 God's Love!

## SONS OF OSIRIS.

The name Fraternity Sons of Osiris is synonymous with the Ancient Order of Osiris and a direct lineal descendant of the Ancient Priesthood of Egypt, which was known as the Fraternity of Pun-t. With all this, we have ever been the same no matter what the name may have been under which we labored or worshipped.

It is not an order of idle construction, but has ever been a leading hand in progress. Not born of superstition, but of wisdom. True, we *do* understand and master forces that to the uneducated appear as superstitions, yet, all is in accordance with natural laws.

We acknowledge that our archives hold the history of ages and nations, supposed to be lost to the world, and that the ancient wisdom is equally understood and practiced for the same initiation. That is, the *same* secrets that were given the initiate then into the greater mysteries are given the initiate of those degrees at this day.

In the past the object of the Sons of Osiris was to educate those who qualified to be received into the mysteries of nature, man's relation thereto, his mission upon this earth, his past incarnations and whither he goes at his departure. Thus knowing himself, his past, his future, he was no longer "a wanderer" upon the deserts of life, knowing not where he goeth or from whence he came, but became a useful factor in the great plan.

In the first part, at present as in the past, by practicing benevolence and charity and doing good deeds amongst one another, we prepare ourselves for grander and nobler work in the great arena of life. In the past the Fraternity was the one great source from which flowed streams of sweetest waters to quench the thirst of nations. And however great the amount of pollution, unthinking and evil persons have thrown into its crystal waters along its winding course, yet, the fountain has remained as pure as when the Egypt shepherd kings drank its waters and were blest. As it was in its past so is its future, for the Masters of the Fraternity have lived in harmony with the immutable law of heaven, and by so doing the wisdom has advanced apace with the world. Thus it was that its members have been the silent ones who have led the world when all seemed lost, for although silent and unnoticed, we have met to watch the heavens and prepared for coming events, centuries before

the world knew of these occurrences, and to-day we meet as of old to prepare for another great change that will take place upon our earth.

In astrology its members have led the world and forecasts made thousands of years ago are being fulfilled. They have been the conservators of spiritual things, holding the keys to her mysteries with zealous care, but opening her majestic doors and furnishing safe guides to all who, in full sincerity and love enter her eternal domains.

In the battles of the past, both visible and invisible, it has met the destroyer on the field and wielded the sword of right with a power triumphant. As a tender parent she teaches us our daily duties to one another, she admonishes us when we stray from the beaten paths of *truth* and *right*, and like a fond parent in sadness or misery, folds us to her breast and breathing upon us her powerful magnetism, heals us. When stern adversity, like an arrow sprung from the bow of the evil one injures us, she soothes and comforts us. Throughout life, from the day we first kissed her fair lips she has been a faithful guardian and friend. When at last we lay down this material covering to enter into a more beautiful and clearer abode, we have her silent hand to lead us through those to us unknown worlds. We sigh not for the end, for she has taught us the mysteries of life and death. Neither do we fear at our departure for she has driven fear from our breast and implanted *hope* and *love*.

Born of the Gods eternal in the heavens when Egypt was in its glory, free from the cares of matter, she ever points to higher realms.

The present Order, now working under the name of Fraternity Sons of Osiris, while conveying the mysteries to the candidate in the manner and language of the day, had not departed from the ancient aim of the Fraternity.

All Sons of Osiris are practical persons who believe in progression and who upheld law and order in whatever land they live. They constitute what was once the most profound secret society known, and what is destined to become, in a few years, the same power for good that their number and strength was heretofore. Every inducement is held out to those who desire to unite with us that is consistent with our laws and usages. Every Son of Osiris is the sworn brother of every other brother throughout the world. Those who once partake of the rites of love in full sincerity are ever held as brothers. They may, in opposition

to right and justice, cause us to debar them from our meetings, but they are still brothers.

In acts of benevolence and charity our hospitality is always extended to the deserving so far as within our power. Thus we have mitigated sorrow, helped the deserving to better and nobler lives, building the fires of emulation in each human breast, encouraging manly efforts, strengthening the weak and cultivating self-respect. The doors of our Temple are ever open to the honest, upright citizen, nor can any man or woman otherwise unqualified enter our Temple because of wealth, fame, religion or politics, nor is any person debarred because of poverty. All who come with purity of mind, willing to obey the ancient customs and usages are bidden welcome into our ranks.

The training is such that it meets the demands of each and every student. Each one is started in a given way at the very foundation. The training then commences, and as the student solves the problem and reports, so will he receive such additional instructions as he requires. This is kept up until he has reached the final initiation.

Yours in Virtue, Piety and Immortality,

DR. IRA L. KEPERLING, 38.

## CONCERNING A NEW STATEMENT OF THEOLOGY.

In the last talk there are several propositions worthy of your careful attention and study, among them I have selected the following as the subject for present consideration, viz:

"Seventh. That it is a reasonable proposition to attempt the formulation of a philosophical statement of spiritual law, having for its primary postulates a correct statement of the facts pertaining to the laws of matter and materialization."

In other words: Materialism, correctly stated, must be accepted as the basis on which to build a correct statement of spiritualism.

Geology, chemistry, biology, and all the allied sciences must be accepted and their ascertained facts must be used

Into nothingness for ever!  
Worse even than hell itself, and woe relenting never!

## XVII.

"Weep not, O sister, for mankind!  
Although so wicked, frail, and blind;  
Although they murder one the other,  
And each is foeman of his brother;  
Although for color or for creed  
Their daily hecatombs may bleed;  
Although the elder and the younger  
Are born to sorrow, pain, and hunger,  
And countless miseries crowd their span,—  
I would that heaven had made me man!

## XVIII.

"O thou Sun, that beamest high,  
Even thou shalt fade and die;  
But these—poor earthworms though they be—  
Shall perish never,  
But flourish beautiful and bright,  
When thou and worlds that drink thy light  
Are quenched for ever and for ever."

## XIX.

"True, O Brother: what suffices  
Length of years or sum of joy,—  
That no human care or anguish,  
Cold or hunger, can annoy."

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### A Note to Publishers.

We will run this exchange list continually, so that our readers will know just where they can get any magazine. However, in exchange, we ask all editors of the publications listed to have our publication listed in the same manner. Failure to do so will mean that we must drop their magazine from the list.

We also desire to exchange space with other magazines, and such as desire to do so should send their copy and receive copy from us in exchange.

"The Word," 244 Lenox Ave., New York City. Theosophical Publishing Co., Philosophy, Science, Religion, Eastern Thought, Theosophy. See advt. in "The Initiates."

"The New Theology Magazine," Madison Publishing Co., 21 Madison Ave., Boston, Mass. \$1.00 a year.

"New Thought," The New Thought Publishing Co., 4651 N. Clark St., Chicago, Ill. \$1.00 a year.

"The Ophthalmologist," Liberal Medical Journal. Published by Association of Independent Doctors, 2100 Prairie Ave., Chicago, Ill. \$1.00 a year. One of the best liberal journals.

"The Vegetarian Magazine," The Vegetarian Co., Chicago, Ill. \$1.00 a year.

"The Divine Life," The Divine Life Press, 255 Oakwood Boulevard, Chicago, Ill. \$1.00 a year, 10 cents a copy.

"Unity," Unity Tract Society, 913 Tracy Ave., Kansas City, Mo. \$1.00 a year, 10 cents a copy.

"The Morning Star," Peter Davidson, Loudsville, Ga. A monthly journal of the Ancient Wisdom-Religion. \$1.00 a year. See advt. in "The Initiates."

Fraternity, like truth, has always been and will always be, though its members may add to its ritual or subtract from it, yet the truth of its inner work *must* ever remain the same.

This Fraternity appeals to those who have outgrown mere organizations and realize that their advancement depends upon their own efforts now as much as it did when they first learnt their alphabets in school, though the Fraternity teaches those who make effort to learn, yet each must himself bring out of himself the greater truths.

This Fraternity has no connections whatever with any other body, yet frequently joins hands and assists others to accomplish the good they have set out to accomplish, and therefore we are not at enmity with any other body that may be interested in the welfare of the human family. Those who desire the higher thought and vibration, will be attracted to us and will remain true to the higher self. Such as belong to the mere curiosity seekers will never care for more than the teachings of the lower degrees, others again will cling to us as particles of iron cling to the magnet. These are the souls that have made the Fraternity a name to sound with an echo down the corridors of time.

The Fraternity as a whole enables New Thought, Theosophy. Practical Christianity and Spiritualism to meet upon one common level where all "know as they are known," with both the benefit of Ancient Egyptian training in so far as it is consistent with this age, and the Outer Court which is a benevolent, charitable and protective body, and in this combining the whole in one great central shrine at whose altar all bow in reverence to the Highest.

Yours in Virtue, Piety and Immortality,

G. RICHARD HILLEGASS,  
Richland Center, Pa.



## THE AMERICAN MASONIC FEDERATION.

*From "The Universal Free Mason."*

The "*American Masonic Federation*" is a practical protest against the illiberal, intolerant and unmasonic spirit manifested by and characteristic of, that branch of Masonry erroneously called the York Rite. The name "*American Rite*" is a rechristening of what was formerly known in the United States as the "*York Rite*," and the new name is now almost universally adopted in the United States for the purpose, if possible, of making that Rite more exclusive and dominant, without regard to Masonic Light and History. This Rite had its inception in America, whether known as the York Rite, or the American Rite, and is practiced by Freemasons in sections of the United States, and nowhere else.

Protests have, at various times in the past, been made in several of the States by the more liberal and broad-minded brethren of this Rite, against the narrow, exclusive and bigoted conduct of their conferrers, and receiving no assurance of consideration, of their complaints or desires, have seceded and established rival Grand Lodges. As these Grand Bodies were, however, without any central or connecting head, they made but little progress, and were, in a measure, powerless to relieve or even mitigate the alleged evil, against which they were warring. These schismatic "*York Rite*" Lodges have been unable to gain any foreign recognition, and thus became and still are, a law unto themselves, measurably, unknown, unhonored and unsung. They have failed to grow and increase, and while a number of them still exist, and appear to follow the even tenor of their way, as a protecting and fostering element, Masonically, they are a failure.

But very few of the founders of the American Masonic Federation ever owed allegiance to the York Rite. The majority of the officers received their Masonic Light under other auspices, and having once drunk at the pure spring of *Universal Masonry*, the un-American, un-Masonic, and selfish doctrines of the sectional Masonry, known as the York, or American Rite, has never appealed to them. In this condition of mind, and realizing that a non-affiliating Mason was losing the very light that he had striven to obtain and to retain, which required that he mingle with his kind, and assume the responsibilities, and share the

pleasures of Masonic intercourse, they sought and found, a source from which they could lawfully obtain authority to step on to the broad platform of Masonic toleration, and aggregate with full protection of the law, both civil and Masonic, which said aggregation could, without let or hindrance, carry on their Masonic labors, in accordance with Ancient Landmarks, and the tenets of Universal Masonry. Masonry that is not universal, is useless and worthless, except in the narrow section, to which it is indigenous. Masonry throughout the world is united into one family, with the sole exception of the adherents of the State Grand Lodges in the United States of America. With this end in view, and to carry out its purposes, the founders of the American Masonic Federation applied to the Supreme Council of Louisiana, 33d degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and by that body was given authority on the 14th day of September, 1906, to organize the Grand Lodge Inter-Montana, A.: A.: S.: R.: symbolic from members of Universal Council 30 degree and Consistory 32d degree, working under the "Grand Council of Rites of Scotland." This delegated authority was given under the signature of the Ill. Bro. Jos. N. Cheri, 33d degree M.: P.: G.: C.:, who appointed Ill. Bro. Balthew McB. Thomson, representative of the said Supreme Council, he being the representative of the "Grand Council of Rites of Scotland" for the United States of America, its territories and dependencies. The following is the charter:

T. T. G. O. T. G. A. O. T. U. Peace, Tolerance, Concord.  
Liberty, Fraternity, Equality:

To All Masons of Whatever Grade or Rite, to Whose Knowledge These Presents May Come, Greeting, in the Name of God Everlasting:

Know, that as representative of the Supreme Council of Louisiana 33d degree, A.: A.: S.: R.: clothed with full power, I do hereby grant unto the Ill.:BB 33d degree of Universal Council and Consistory "A" in the valley of Idaho, and holding of the "Grand Council of Rites of Scotland," power and authority to form themselves into a Grand Lodge Symbolic, A.: A.: S.: R.: to be known as the Grand Lodge "Inter-Montana," with power to do all things lawful to be done by a Symbolic Grand Lodge of the Rite, and having jurisdiction over the Rocky Mountain and

Pacific States, with the Ill. BB. Matthew McB. Thomson, M.: W.: G.: F.:; C. P. Christiansen, R.: W.: G.: S.: W.:; W. Provol, R.: W.: J.: G.: W.: J. H. Provol, Grand Orator; J. W. Langford, R.: W.: G.: Sec.; Robert S. Spence, R.: W.: G.: Treasurer; A. Kohen, Tyler thereof, until their successors shall be elected and installed.

As witness my hand and seal this 21st day of the month, Tebet, answering to the 9th day of January, A. H. 5667, A. D. 1907.

(Seal)

M. McB. THOMSON.

Representative of the G. C. of Louisiana.

The Grand Lodge Inter-Montana, thus regularly formed, according to the laws of the A.: A.: S.: R.: resolved to take steps to enroll all Scottish Rite Masons in the United States, in one Federation, they themselves being the first member thereof, on the 30th day of March, 1907, the Grand Lodge of Illinois A. F. & A. M. (incorporated), applied for and was admitted to membership, they being healed and taking the oath de fideli, to the A. A. S. R. on April 5th, 1907, five Lodges in the City of Boston, which had previously worked the Rite of Memphis, were healed, took the oath fideli, and petitioned for a Grand Lodge Charter from the American Masonic Federation, this was subsequently granted, and was installed on May 11, 1907, under the title of the Grand Lodge of New England, A. A. S. R., by the president of the Federation. Matthew McB. Thomson, assisted by the Ill. BB. Harry Rod, deputy of the Grand Orient Espanol, and P. G. M. of the Regional Grand Lodge in Philadelphia, and W. Post, a P. G. M. of the same body.

On the 31st day of August, 1907, the American Masonic Federation was incorporated under the laws of the State of Idaho, the M. W. G. M., R. W. G. S. W., and R. W. G. Secretary of the Grand Lodge Inter-Montana, being the incorporators. The Grand Lodge Inter-Montana then gave the following charter to the American Federation:

T. T. G. O. T. G. A. O. T. U. Peace, Tolerance, Concord.  
Liberty, Equality, Fraternity:

Unto All Regular Masons of Whatsoever Rite or Grade,  
Greeting, in the Name of God Everlasting:

Know ye that the Grand Lodge "Inter-Montana" A.: A.: S.: R.: Symbolic, chartered on the 9th day of January, 1907, by Matthew McB. Thomson, representative of the Supreme Council of Louisiana, has granted and does by these presents grant unto the Supreme Lodge of the American Masonic Federation, incorporated under the laws of the State of Idaho, all of the Masonic powers, privileges and prerogatives as a sovereign Masonic power, of which the said Grand Lodge Inter-Montana is itself possessed.

As witness our hands, and the seal of our Grand Lodge, this 21st day of Eloul, answering to the 31st day of August, A. H. 5667, A. D. 1907.

(Seal)

M. McB. THOMSON,

M.: W.: G.: M.:

I. W. LANGFORD,

M.: W.: G.: Sec.

Since then, in spite of all opposition, misrepresentation and persecution, instigated and propagated in the spirit of intolerance, the progress of the American Masonic Federation has been phenomenal. It is now represented by Grand and Subordinate Lodges in sixteen states, and on the Atlantic and Pacific Coasts. It is already recognized as a Regular Masonic Power, and foreign powers are exchanging representations with it. Here, at home, as an exponent of the Universal Masonry it has the field to itself. The Brotherhood of Man is now recognized as the Brotherhood of God, and when Universal Masonry is known as an advocate of these principles, and the Landmarks of Masonry are adhered to, and a refuge established for the worthy wanderer and social outcast, and the objects and aims of the Federation are understood, thousands and tens of thousands will array themselves under its banners, where no distinction of class is known, where men of all creeds and colors may know a Brother, and depend upon his Honor, Liberty, Fraternity and Equality will be the guiding star, as plain and perfect as the Star of Bethlehem, which guided that trio of BB, who sought and found the Great Master. So mote it be.

## PROCLAMATION.

T.: T.: G.: O.: T.: G.: A.: O.: T.: U.:

To the Sovereign Powers Governing Universal Masonry  
Throughout the World, Greeting

Worshipful, Venerable and Very Dear J. :—In informing you, officially, of the organization of the *American Masonic Federation*, A.: A.: S.: R.: we are but performing an ordinary Masonic duty, but the bare performance of that duty, without an explanation, would be very unsatisfactory. We, therefore, in a brief way, place you in possession of facts, which formed the foundation for our action.

As you are no doubt aware the "York Rite" has been in Masonic control of the United States of America since shortly after the attainment of her independence. Exercising this control has led to the most flagrant acts of tyranny and despotism, and so intolerant has it become, that Universal Masonry is practically unknown, or at least unrecognized. BB. from foreign countries, or even adjacent territories, have failed to receive recognition, and if perchance they have been permitted to pass the tyler, it has been through sufferance and not right. Admittance is more often denied than granted, no matter how bright the applicant may be, nor what credentials he carried. In adversity he is refused Masonic aid, and at death he is denied Masonic burial. A Brother hailing from the Grand Orient of France or Spain, is denied admission to a "York Rite" Lodge. But few Lodges open their doors to the Grand Lodge of France, and fewer still to the Grand Orient of Italy. So it is with nearly all European and South American Masonic powers, who practice the Scottish Rite, they are classed as irregular and their members generally denied admittance to the Lodges, while in some instances they are admitted in one State and denied in others. In every "York Rite" Lodge a race test is applied and in some States a religious one.

Confronted by these conditions, and in view of the fact that a careful estimate places non-affiliated Masons, in the United States, at 300,000, a very great many of whom stand well in the countries where they were made, and in view of

the fact that these BB. had to either forego entirely all the fraternal associations so hardly gained and so highly prized, or seek authority from other sources, we sprang into being. The Grand Lodges of Hamburg and Roumania, and the Grand Orients of France and Spain, at different times, granted charters to work in the United States. The Lodges thus organized, were branded by the "York Rite" as clandestine and irregular, and refused to recognize their members as Masons, and BB. working under separate constitutions, though of the "York Rite" were equally ostracized. Unable to effectively withstand the determined opposition of their Masonic enemies, they deemed it advisable to form a National organization, which, by the presentation of a united front, and a determined effort, they might win for their beloved Rite the same consideration accorded it in all other countries of the world. Through these conditions there was born into the family of "Universal Masonry" *The American Masonic Federation*, Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, "Symbolic," all possible care having been taken that it should be both Masonically and civilly legal.

And, now, BB., having explained to you our position, our aims and objects, and the difficulties and opposition with which we have to contend, we appeal to you for aid and assistance in our struggle for right and justice against tyranny and oppression, and in our efforts to spread the benign and elevating teachings of "Universal Masonry." This you can best do by granting us Fraternal recognition and exchanging representatives with us. This will strengthen us by encouragement to our friends and discouragement to the enemies of "Universal Masonry."

Trusting that due and careful consideration will be given us in this regard, and our desires granted, we salute you B.: T.: N.: K.: T.: T.: E.: O.: and extend to you the fraternal embrace, in behalf of the *American Masonic Federation*.

(Seal)

M. McB. THOMSON, 33d degree,  
Montpelier, Idaho,  
President-General.

(Seal)

ROBERT S. SPENCE, 33d degree,  
Evanston, Wyoming,  
Grand Secretary-General.

(Seal)

HERBERT P. JEFFERSON, 33d degree,  
Boston, Massachusetts,  
Grand Treasurer-General.

## ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION.

Be It Known, That we, the undersigned corporators, do hereby associate ourselves together and form a corporation under Chapter I of Title IV, and Chapter VIII, Title IV, and the act known as House Bill No. 140, approved on the 6th day of March, 1905, and contained on pages 161 to 166, Sessions Laws of 1905, Revised Statutes of Idaho, and acts amendatory thereto, and adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

## PREAMBLE.

The association of the American Masonic Federation hereby affirms that there is not a legal body known as the American Masonic Federation in the United States of America. This association is composed of Grand Lodges and its constituent Lodges and members.

Therefore, this Association of the American Masonic Federation is organized for the express purpose of establishing Lodges of, and practicing the rites, ceremonies, usages and customs of "the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masons," as generally practiced in Europe and America at the present time. The specific Masonic authority vested in the Association is derived from and founded upon "the Scottish Rite" of Freemasonry. Guided by these principles and governed by the following Articles of Incorporation, and By-Laws in support thereof, we hope to be worthy followers of "the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Freemasonry."

## ARTICLE I.

The name of this corporation is the American Masonic Federation.

## ARTICLE II.

The purpose for which this corporation is formed, and its chief objects and business, shall be to dispense charity to its members, to promote harmony, peace and brotherly love between Freemasons, to conduct Masonic work, to transmit the authority to confer Masonic degrees and to confer the

same, to establish, govern and control Symbolic Masonic Lodges in locations where no Grand Lodge of the A. A. S. Rite exists, pending such time as when three or more Lodges shall apply for and be granted the right to establish a Grand Lodge, and the officers thereof shall be duly elected and qualified. Also to do all work and things which rightfully belong to and may be lawfully done by a Grand Lodge of A. A. S. R. of Free Masons; and by its said incorporate name to have and use a common seal, which may be altered or amended at the pleasure of the corporation, and to make by-laws for the government of said corporation, and to elect and install officers, and to take, and receive, hold, convey, mortgage, or assign all such real estate and personal property as may be necessary for the purposes and conduct of said corporation; and to universalize Masonic Rites by affiliation.

#### ARTICLE III.

The place where its principal business is to be transacted is Montepelier, Idaho, and, outside of Idaho, such place as the Board of Directors or Trustee may designate, where meetings of Directors or Trustees, and of the Executive Committee may be held.

#### ARTICLE IV.

The term for which this Corporation is to exist is fifty years.

#### ARTICLE V.

The members of its Directors or Trustees shall be seven, and the manner and method of their election shall be by ballot, and the term of office shall be three years from the date of their election and qualification, and the following shall be elected at the first meeting of the Directors or Trustees, viz.: A President, four Vice-Presidents, a Secretary and a Treasurer, who shall hold their respective offices until their successors are duly elected and qualified.

In witness whereof we hereunto affix our signatures this 31st day of August, 1907.

C. P. CHRISTIANSEN, (Seal).

M. McB. THOMSON, (Seal).

J. W. LANGFORD, (Seal).



State of Idaho,

County of Oneida, ss.

Before me, D. C. McDougall, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, on this day personally appeared C. P. Christiansen, known to me to be the same person who signed the foregoing instrument, and acknowledged to me that he executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 31st day of August, 1907.

My commission expires July, 1911.

(Seal)

D. C. McDOUGALL,  
Notary Public.

State of Idaho,

County of Bear Lake, ss.

Before me, George E. Marks, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid, on this day personally appeared M. McB. Thomson and J. W. Langford, known to me to be the same persons who signed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 9th day of September, 1907.

My commission expires October 30, 1909.

(Seal)

GEORGE E. MARKS,  
Notary Public.

### ENDORSED.

State of Idaho,

County of Bear Lake, ss.

I, W. R. Holmes, Clerk of the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of Idaho, in and for Bear Lake County, do hereby certify that the within and foregoing is a full, true and correct copy of the Original Articles of Incorporation of the American Masonic Federation filed in my office this 9th day of September, 1907.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of said court at Paris, Idaho, this 9th day of September, 1907.

(Seal)

W. R. HOLMES, Clerk.

By.....Deputy.

CERTIFIED COPY OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION, AMERICAN  
MASONIC FEDERATION.Department of State,  
Secretary's Office.

Filed this 21st day of September, 1907, at 10 o'clock a.m.,  
and recorded in Book "W" of Dom. Corp'n's, at page 296,  
Records of the State of Idaho.

ROBERT LANSDON,  
Secretary of State.

## ANCIENT MYSTIC ORIENTAL MASONS.

The "Supreme Grand Lodge of the Universe, Ancient Mystic Oriental Masons," is now admitted as a member of the American Masonic Federation. Arrangements will be at once completed so that all Master Masons of the Order can secure certificates of membership from the Federation. All those of the higher degrees will be able to get the certificates from the Grand Lodge of Mystic Masons.

All arrangements will also be made so that all members of the above body can visit any of the lodges of the Federation and such other lodges with which they are in harmonious relations, which includes both the Grand Orient of Spain and France and most foreign bodies. All members holding certificates from the Federation will also be allowed to visit all Mystic Masonic Lodges.

Further information will be given in due time by the proper officers.

## HERMETIC BROTHERHOOD.

### CONCERNING A NEW STATEMENT OF THEOLOGY.

**AXIOM.**—*For any one to be right, he must be in harmony with the divine mode of action, on his plane of consciousness.*

1. The student should be very careful to search out the meaning of words as used in the discussion of any line of thought, and especially does this apply to studies connected with the exposition of science and philosophy, as distinctions are closely drawn and words are carefully selected to be used in their exact sense, so that they may clearly express definite ideas.

The word "axiom" means, "a self-evident and necessary truth," . . . "a proposition which, of necessity, must be taken for granted."

2. All systems of philosophy are predicted on certain fundamental statements of fact, or supposed fact. In the construction of the system these statements may be likened to the foundations on which a superstructure is to be erected.

The student should therefore thoroughly and exhaustively analyze these primary statements. He should subject them to all tests within his power and should apply to them all known methods of research in order to ascertain their reliability and correctness; for it is evident that any error in the basic condition will impair the system in direct proportion to its deviation from an absolute standard of correctness.

The question then at once presents itself. Is this statement axiomatic? Is it a self-evident truth? Does your mental and emotional consciousness harmoniously recognize and consent to this statement? Is it true to you now, without debate?

Your careful analysis of this question is vital to your progress in correct thinking, for there is probably nothing in all this conscious universe as important to a spiritually self-conscious entity as a correct statement of spiritual truth, for that which is true for to-day is of necessity true for all time and is therefore an unfailing guide to future progress.

The Master says, that "a house built on solid foundations shall stand." Look well, therefore, to this statement. Ask yourself the question: Is it true to you, to-day, that any,

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